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I. The Problem

The National Security Council in NSC Action 282 has directed the Central Intelligence Agency, in collaboration with the government agencies concerned, to organize and conduct a study of:

- a. foreign economic intelligence requirements relating to the national security, including requirements for mobilization planning;
- b. facilities and arrangements currently employed for meeting those requirements, and;
- c. the adequacy of such facilities and arrangements; and where appropriate, means for their improvement.

II. Purpose

Based on the findings of this study, the Central Intelligence Agency will prepare for National Security Council consideration and action a comprehensive plan for satisfying the foreign economic intelligence requirements of the national security and for a coordinated interagency effort to this end based on a definite allocation of responsibilities among the agencies concerned. A copy of the National Security Resources Board letter which initiated this action is included under Tab A and a copy of the National Security Council directive (NSC Action 282) is included under Tab B.

III. Requirements

CIA has completed the initial formulation of the foreign economic intelligence requirements in accordance with paragraph 1a of NSC Action 282. These requirements have been forwarded to the departments and agencies of the government concerned in order that they may comment on the adequacy of coverage and the extent to which specific categories of requirements need expansion to meet their particular needs.

In addition each agency has been requested to indicate the categories of primary and secondary interest and the country designations to which their priority interests correspond. CIA has conducted two meetings with representatives of the departments and agencies concerned, copies of the minutes of which are attached hereto under Tab C. The Statement of Requirements is included

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under Tab G. The deadline for the receipt of agency comments is 20 November 1950.

A task force has been set up within CIA to process the resulting agency comments. A copy of the directive establishing this task force and prescribing its mission is included under Tab D.

IV. Survey

CIA has initiated action to survey the departments and agencies of the government engaged in foreign economic activities as required under paragraph 1b of NSC Action 282. This survey is currently in process in accordance with specifications contained under Tab E. It is proceeding in seventeen non-IAC agencies as well as the intelligence agencies of the Departments of State and Defense, the Munitions Board, and the National Security Resources Board. Deadline for the completion of the survey has been established as 30 November 1950. A list of the non-IAC agencies involved together with a typical letter initiating action on the survey is included under Tab F. Individual responses already received as a result of the survey are being tabulated on work sheets which will be used as a basis for the analysis required under paragraph 1c of NSC Action 282.

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